## Town Demolishes Burned Out House in Bellport

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**Farmingville, NY -** On July 21, the Town of Brookhaven demolished a burned out house located at 2 Association Road in Bellport. The house had sustained extensive damage during a fire, and the owner was issued a violation for an unsecured building from the Town. The house was demolished in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code, which after due process, allows the Town to demolish unsafe structures. The code provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of dangerous eyesores to protect the health and safety of residents.

Supervisor Ed Romaine said, "Our Town code gives us the ability to move quickly if property owners do not take action on their own. I thank the Building and Law Departments for their work to demolish this burned-out eyesore and urge residents to visit www.brookhaven.org to report unsafe, vacant structures so we can continue to clean up neighborhoods all across Brookhaven Town."

Councilwoman Connie Kepert (pictured right) said, "My office worked with our Building Department to remove this blighted burned out structure from a neighborhood of hardworking people. The demolition of this burned out hulk will improve both the safety and quality of life of the entire neighborhood."

The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner. The Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and they collect the money from the property owner.

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